

CSWC Operational Period Summary

1800 February 24 2015 to 0600 February 25 2015



Search dogs searching for a missing hiker in the back country of San Diego County

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Note: [Report changes/updates are in blue](#)



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SITUATION SUMMARY

Significant Events - National

- (New York Times) – Senator Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the majority leader, on Tuesday offered a path to avert a partial shutdown of the Department of Homeland Security, saying he would allow a vote on a bill solely to fund the agency, followed by a second vote on legislation that would halt President Obama's 2014 executive actions on immigration. Mr. McConnell's proposal hardly settles the matter, and increases the likelihood that Congress will be forced to fashion a short-term spending bill.

Significant Events - International

- (CNN) – An American missionary in Nigeria has been kidnapped in what authorities call a “purely criminal” act. The Kogi state Police Commissioner says that five men kidnapped the woman from her workplace and are demanding a ransom of 60 million Naira (\$301,500.00). The Free Methodist Church has identified the woman as Rev. Phyllis Sortor, a missionary based at the Hope Academy compound in Kogi state. Kidnapped on Monday, the U.S. Embassy in Nigeria and the FBI have been notified of the incident.
- (CNN) – Assyrians in northeastern Syria villages awoke Tuesday to ISIS militants at their doors, with the Islamist extremists abducting scores from the Christian group and forcing hundreds more to run for their lives, an advocate said. The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights reported that ISIS had abducted 90 Assyrians. About 700 Assyrian families managed to escape the onslaught, with 600 taking up refuge in St. Mary's Cathedral in al-Hasakah, Syria.
- (CNN) – Suicide bombers targeting a bus station in Kano, Nigeria, killed 10 people and left several injured Tuesday, according to the city's Police Chief, just hours after a similar attack in Yobe state killed 17 people. Although no one has claimed responsibility for either of the attacks, Boko Haram has been behind dozens of suicide and other bombings in northern Nigeria. On Sunday, a 7-year-old girl blew herself up outside a cell phone market in the town, killing seven people and injuring 11. Last month, two suicide bombers killed six people and injured 37 at the same market. Boko Haram's stated goal is to bring an extreme version of Sharia law to the masses. More than 150,000 people have fled into neighboring countries as a result of the violence, according to the United Nations refugee agency, and Boko Haram has spread its reign of terror into villages and towns beyond Nigeria's borders.
- (CNN) - As ISIS continues its murderous rampage in the Middle East, Egypt's President said it's time for more Arab countries to join forces against the terror group. “The need for a unified Arab force is growing and becoming more pressing every day,” Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi said in a televised speech Sunday.

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Weather of Concern

No significant Weather Watches or Warnings are in effect.

Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County: http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/www_bc_cal.php

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought

WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND CENTRAL COASTAL AREAS:

Eureka Weather:

Northwest California can expect dry conditions again today with temperatures near to above normal. A storm system will bring rain showers and some mountain snow late Thursday into Saturday.

Medford Weather:

Temperatures are warmer - anywhere from 5 to 18f warmer than 24 hours ago. The upper ridge will continue to retrograde further offshore today through Thursday, and this will gradually open the door to a chance for precipitation. A trough in the northwest flow drops in along the B.C. Coast Thursday night and then digs in westward as it moves over the area Friday. This should bring widespread precipitation to the area Friday and Friday night. This system will bring some cold air and drop snow levels to the higher passes on Friday. Snow totals don't look all that impressive (roughly 3-6 inches over the Cascades and Siskiyou's with an inch or two in the east side valleys), but given the long stretch of warm weather we've had, it will be a significant change.

Reno Weather:

A fast moving dry cold front will pass through the Sierra and northwest Nevada late today, though will have little impact. A developing storm system in the northeast Pacific is likely to bring rain, snow, and cooler temperatures to the region by the end of the week and start of the weekend. Another storm system is possible around the Tuesday/Wednesday time frame next week.

San Francisco Weather:

Dry and mild weather conditions will continue through Thursday as high pressure remains off of the west coast. A storm system will then bring a chance of rain showers and cooler temperatures to the region Friday into Saturday.

WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

Sacramento Weather:

Dry and warmer weather continues, then a pattern change on Friday leading to cooler and wetter weather into the weekend. The potential exists for snow impacting some travel in the mountains above 3500 feet, and more so above 6000 feet.

Hanford Weather:

A dry northwesterly flow aloft will reside over central California through Thursday with seasonable temperatures. An unsettled weather pattern will set up late Friday and continue into early next week.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

Los Angeles Weather:

High pressure will continue the slightly above normal temperatures and some clouds through Thursday. A cold low pressure system will move over the region late Friday night through Sunday for possible precipitation, breezy winds and below normal temperatures. Drier and warmer conditions are expected early next week.

Extreme Southwestern California Including Orange, San Diego, Western Riverside and Southwestern San Bernardino Counties:

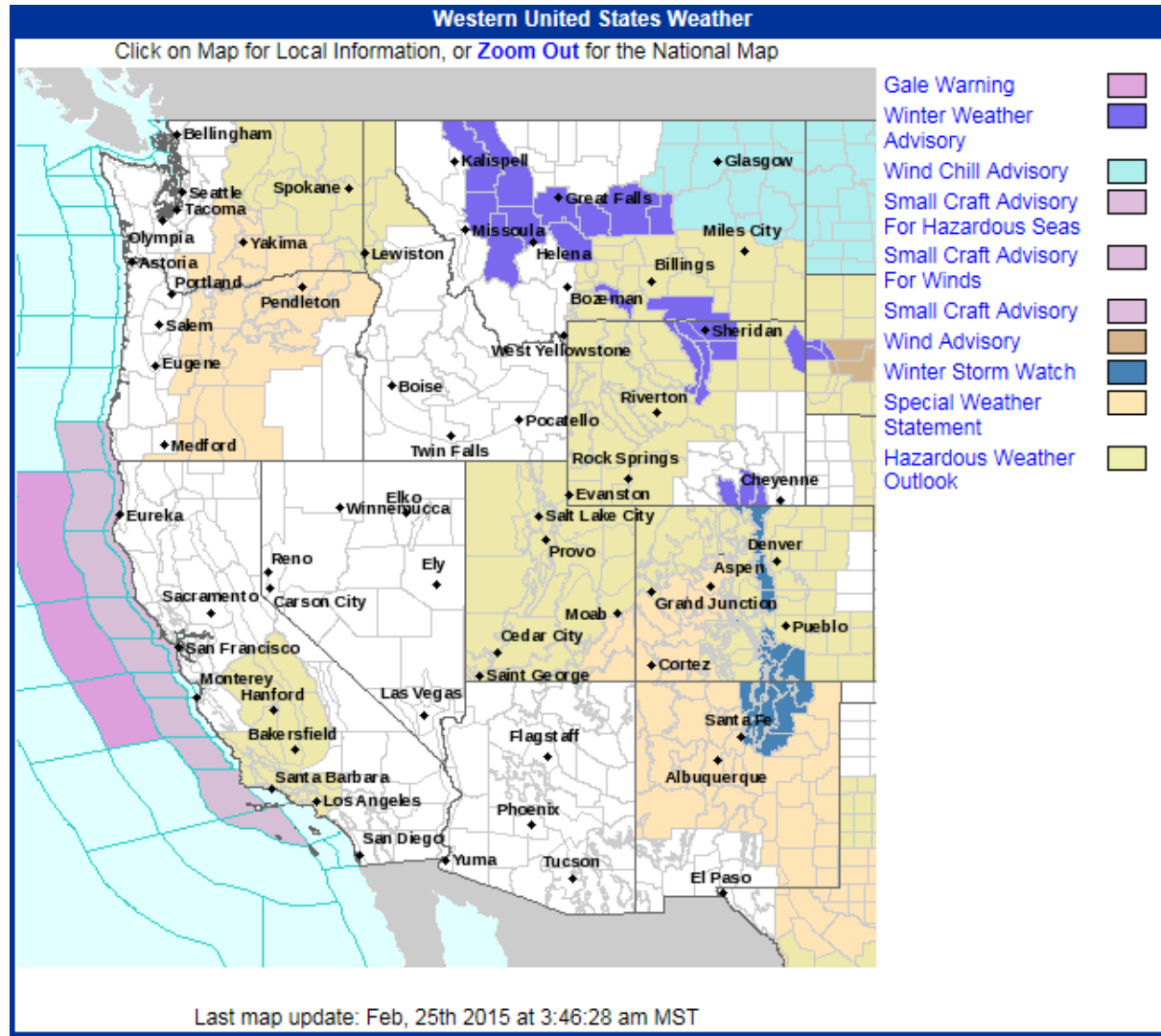
Fair with patchy coastal low clouds and fog through Thursday under dry northwest flow aloft. Onshore flow will increase Friday through Saturday as a cold storm drops south along the California coast, bringing rain and mountains snow through the weekend. Gusty west winds will develop over the mountains and deserts Friday and Saturday, subsiding on Sunday. Scattered showers may linger through Monday with the possibility of more showers by the middle of next week.

Southeast California Weather:

Northwest flow will keep the area high and dry through Thursday with mild temperatures and light winds. Unsettled weather returns for Friday and over the weekend as low pressure brings a chance of rain and snow to the area along with cooler temperatures.



STATE WEATHER MAP



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FIRE ACTIVITY



Preparedness Levels

National Preparedness Level 1

Northern California

Preparedness Level 1, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 1

Southern California

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

California Fire Potential & Weather Maps

Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8>

Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10>

California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php>

NWS California River Forecast Center:

<http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/>

RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

Round Fire, Inyo and Mono Counties

- Recovery Individual Assistance continues to work with Mono County on the Initial Damage Estimate.
- The American Red Cross and Salvation Army continue to offer their support services.

Mission Tasking

- **2015-SREOC-8732** – Two small communities in southern Mono County, Paradise and Swall Meadows, experienced a serious wildfire beginning Friday February 6th. Approximately 40 residences were destroyed in the Round Fire. Residents have been allowed back into the area and need technical assistance in safely disposing of potentially toxic materials on their properties. DTSC has accepted this mission. **Mission Ongoing**

CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- The SOC, Inland, Coastal, and Southern REOCs and the Santa Barbara County EOC are activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued an Executive Order on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought. Specifically, through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.
- Cal OES Recovery continues to coordinate a biweekly state interagency conference call regarding drought community impacts.
- Regional (Inland, Coastal, Southern) conference calls will occur once a month beginning 02/09/15.

CAL OES MISSIONS

Cal OES Missions - New

2015-LAW-8802, Yolo County SO requesting 20 ground searchers and 4 K-9's to assist with locating a missing 27 day old baby. Cal OES LDO coordinating the response.

2015-LAW-8798, Calaveras County SO requesting ground searchers and K-9's to assist with locating a missing 80 year old male. Cal OES LDO coordinating the response.

2015-LAW-8792, San Diego County SO requesting ground searchers to assist with locating a hiker traveling along the Pacific Crest Trail overdue since 2/17/15. Cal OES LDO coordinating the response.



Mission:

We protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support our communities for a resilient California.

We achieve our mission by serving the public through effective collaboration in preparing for, protecting against, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the impacts of all hazards and threats.